



# CARMEL OBSERVER

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## **Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:**

The Carmel Police Department is committed to the concept of reducing crime through the development and continuation of community crime prevention programs and community involvement. The goal of the Neighborhood Crime Watch program is to work with community organizations in a cooperative manner in the interest of creating a safer community. While striving to achieve this goal the Police Department will continue to provide factual information to the Crime Watch Captains to disseminate to their neighborhoods. The Police Department will not send out information based on speculation and rumors that does little more than cause widespread panic. Be assured, if the Police Department has information that affects public safety, it will be sent out ASAP. Thank you for your continued support of the Crime Watch Program and your dedication to the safety of the Carmel Community.

*Lt. Jeff Horner  
Support Division*

## **Reminder**

Don't forget the annual crime watch meeting with Chief Fogarty on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at police department headquarters. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

## **Did You Know...**

During the year of 2007 our officers drove 1,684,734 miles patrolling the streets of Carmel and responded to 54,672 calls for service from our citizens.

7,740 traffic citations were written and 11,646 warnings were issued. We had 2,238 criminal arrests, 390 juvenile arrests and 244 warrants for 2007.

## **FBI Identifies Recurring Fraudulent E-Mail Scam**

### **Source: FBI Cyber Investigations**

The FBI has recently developed information indicating cyber criminals are attempting to once again send

fraudulent e-mails to unsuspecting recipients stating that someone has filed a complaint against them or their company with the Department of Justice or another organization such as the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, or the Better Business Bureau.

Information obtained during the FBI investigation has been provided to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS has taken steps to alert their public and private sector partners with the release of a Critical Infrastructure Information Notice (CIIN).

The e-mails are intended to appear as legitimate messages from the above departments, and they address the recipients by name, and other personal information may be contained within the e-mail. Consistent with previous efforts, the scam will likely be an effort to secure Personally Identifiable Information. The nature of these types of scams is to create a sense of urgency for the recipient to provide a response through clicking on a hyperlink, opening an attachment, or initiating a telephone call. It is believed this e-mail refers to a complaint that is in the form of an attachment, which actually contains virus software designed to steal passwords from the recipient. The virus is wrapped in a screensaver file wherein most anti-virus programs are unable to detect its malicious intent. Once downloaded, the virus is designed to monitor username and password logins, and record the activity, as well as other password-type information, entered on the compromised machine.

Be wary of any e-mail received from an unknown sender. Do not open any unsolicited e-mail and do not click on any links provided. If you have received a scam e-mail please notify the IC3 by filing a complaint at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,  
Please give us a call.*

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